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and individuals are best able to say. It's good times. We're employed, the economy's strong, that's when you reduce taxes. You turn around, and when the bad times come, because we've reduced taxes, our revenues are off, our bad times come, our demand comes up for services, that's when we have...are forced into a situation to increase taxes. That's the worst time to increase taxes. When the economy goes bad, when times are tough, to turn around and raise taxes on people only hits them twice as hard because they're feeling a hurt because of the economy. It seems to me...

SENATOR BRASHEAR: One minute.

...that there's an advantage in taking a SENATOR WESELY: different approach was to have more stable tax rates, that right through the good times, the bad, the like, where you save during the good times and then you have the resources during the bad so you don't have to turn around and increase taxes on individuals when they're least able to pay it. It also means that when you cut back during the bad times, when you don't do the deferred maintenance, when you don't do some of the things that need to be done, that when the good times come you don't miss that opportunity to make that investment so that you take care of those problems and have a return on that investment. have the resource, not get yourself in such a hole when the bad times come, you can't do anything. So, I just think that cycles have been there, we've seen them in the state, we're in a good time cycle now...let's be careful about what we can do so that when the bad times come, and they will, in the next few years, that we're not hurt. Thank you.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Tyson, to the Chambers amendment to the amendment.

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. "It was the best of times. It was the worst of times." Now, that's the opening sentence of a famous story by a famous author, and those of you who do not recognize it may apply to Senator Eternity. That's why I refer all of these difficult questions to Senator Chambers. The easy answers, I do not refer to him. The Chambers amendment is going the wrong way. Senator Maurstad eloquently outlined the reasons for a tax cut,